General Meeting – Nov 3rd  
7:30 pm at the School

Annandale School Overcrowding:

Our Braddock District School Board Representative Tessie Wilson will bring us up to date on the problem, the solutions being considered and the process going forward.

Being a good neighbor means:

Getting your home and yard prepared for winter. Make those necessary repairs, secure things that are loose and clean up the leaves and sticks. Don’t leave a mess to be blown around by the wind or covered with rain, snow or ice.

Please vote on November 2nd. There are a number of important issues ranging from health care and taxes to education and transportation under consideration. Those we elect will make the decisions that affect each of us and our children so make sure your voice is heard.

Get Connected and Stay Informed!!!!

Sign up for e-mail alerts and notices at www.nscivic.org/EMailNotification.htm or visit www.nscivic.org for current community information
**President’s Message**
Norma Heck

The Annandale Regional Planning Study committee has been formed to address overcrowding at middle and high schools; 21 schools are addressed in the study to included Holmes, Poe and Frost Middle Schools and Annandale High School. School overcrowding effects all residents in that the solutions are limited; either the capacity of some schools must be increased or the school boundaries must be changed. Our guest speaker at the November 3rd general meeting is Ms. Tessie Wilson, School Board Representative for the Braddock District. Ms. Wilson will bring us up to date on the problem, the work of the committee and the process going forward. This is your opportunity to learn about the issue and know when/how your voice can be heard.

You can learn more about the issue and the Annandale Regional Planning Study on the Fairfax County School website:


Website links and current information on this issue will be added to the North Springfield Civic Association website www.nscivic.org soon.

November 2nd is Election Day; if you’re 18 or older it is your privilege and obligation to vote.

**Judging Holiday Decorations**

The civic association officers will be judging your Holiday decorations again this year. We’ll be around between 7 & 10 pm on Friday December 17th so please have your lights on that evening. What we look for are creative displays that reflect the true meaning of the holiday season; presentation is more important to us than the number of lights and figures you can place in your yard.

To ensure fairness, homes will be eligible for award once in a three year period. Prior year awardees who continue to enhance our community with their displays will also be recognized annually for their continued excellence.

Awardees will be listed on our website so residents can see our choices before the season is over and the displays are taken down.

**Redistricting**

Following the census every ten years, politicians are required to examine all voting districts – federal, state and county – to ensure that each one within a state or county contains about the same number of voters. Often this results in boundaries being changed and people moved from one district to another. This issue is particularly important to our community because we are located on the edge of some districts. For example, at the federal level we are on the boundary between representatives Connelly and Moran; at the county level we are on the boundary between the Braddock, Mason and Lee Districts. Redistricting is important because the district we are in can affect the influence we have on issues important to our community. We have added a page to the website under “Current Issues” to keep you informed on redistricting efforts and the impact they may have on North Springfield.

**Braddock Bus Stop**

Several residents who use the bus stop at Braddock Road and Heming have expressed their concern that it is dangerous to cross Braddock Road in the dark when returning home. We addressed this issue several years ago with no success; we are trying again to get a favorable resolution to this safety issue. We have added a page to the website under “Current Issues” to keep you informed on our progress.

**Sound Wall Reforestation**

An 800 foot section of the sound wall on Leesville Boulevard, starting near Joplin Street, will be moved 8-10 feet closer to the street. This project will be starting sometime after October. We have obtained some grant funds from the contractor Transurban – Fluor to reforest the section that is moved soon after the work is completed in 2011. We continue to look for additional funds.

We are also working with the VDOT arborist responsible for the reforestation along the entire project. She has a limited amount of funds to work with but we will ensure that we get our fair share to reforest the walls adjacent to our community. The arborist’s plan for reforestation will not be available for another year; once approved, the reforestation by VDOT will be in 2012/2013.
We have added a page to the website under “Current Issues” to keep you informed on our progress.

**Scouting for Food**

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be conducting their annual Scouting for Food Drive in November. Collection bags will be distributed November 6th and collection will be between 9 and 11 am on November 13th. Our community has always been a generous supporter of this important event. The need is greater than ever and we hope everyone will support our scouts’ efforts this year.

**North Springfield Elementary School**

The school is in need of volunteers and mentors for the students. If you have some free time during the day and would like to help please contact the school at (703) 658-5500.

**Teen Job List**

The latest list is published in this newsletter and is available on our website. We accept entries at any time and will add them to the list available on the website.

**Membership**

Tricia Barnes

It is time to renew your membership in the Civic Association for 2011. The membership dues are only $15 and the membership form is in the newsletter. The Civic Association is for both homeowners and renters. We need to have your support to help keep North Springfield a well maintained and active community. The membership form has a place for you to list possible topics for upcoming meetings and a list of committees that you may want to join. This is the last newsletter for 2010; the next newsletter will be delivered the end of January 2011.

The civic association is set up to help better the community by working to keep North Springfield a well kept safe area, keeping residents informed through the newsletters, and by being a liaison between residents and county government. Our association is a member of the Federation of Citizen Associations which represents all residents and works as a united voice to our local government representatives for concerns in Fairfax County.

Homes in North Springfield are free to choose any private trash and recycling contractor they wish. If you select AAA you will receive a lower rate if you tell AAA when you sign up for service that you live in the North Springfield Civic Association area. The customer service reps will look up our association and apply the contracted rate, effective the month AAA receives the signed residential contract back from the customer.

If you are a resident who did not identify themselves as being in North Springfield Civic Association area, you should call (703) 818 8222 and have a contract sent to you. AAA will make the civic rate effective the month in which they receive their agreement back. AAA cannot back date rates. If you received a contract from AAA in June, signed and return the contract, you are already receiving the community rate.

If you prefer another company, contact information for several others that serve the community are listed on the website. These companies have not offered us a community discount rate but may match the AAA rate when asked.

There is a new website [www.annandalepatch.com](http://www.annandalepatch.com) that is dedicated to what is happening in Annandale. Springfield is not on their list yet, but besides Annandale, Burke, Kingstown, Fairfax City and some other area locations are covered. For a complete area list go to [www.patch.com](http://www.patch.com).

**Beautification**

Ed Stock

Fall is here which means winter is not far behind. It’s time to clean up around your plants and pick up the leaves. A little effort now will make a big difference in the health and appearance of your plants next spring.

Construction of the sound wall next to the N.S. elementary school is moving along; the new posts are in and the panels should be put in place in November.
Watch Your Pets

If you’re a cat owner beware that we have a number of foxes in the neighborhood and they have been seen to take cats when hungry enough.

If you’re a dog owner make sure you keep them restrained; there has been an increase in the number of “escapees” that residents have come across while walking. It’s a particular issue of concern to people who are walking their dog.

NSCA Website
Skip Chaples

The website link for Springfield Mall Renovations under “Current Issues” is no longer active. The Mall owner defaulted on their debt payment and is currently undergoing foreclosure; all renovations at the mall have been suspended pending resolution of the debt issue.

Our website contains the newsletter as well as valuable information about the community and local government. We’ve also added a photo gallery to the website. Send us your favorite picture of North Springfield.

BSA Boy Scout Troop 990
Skip Chaples

We continue to offer an exciting and active program for boys between the ages of 10½ and 17. If you are interested in the Troop you can learn more about our programs by contacting Skip Chaples at (703) 644-1311 or by dropping by one of our Wednesday night scout meetings - 7:30 PM at North Springfield Elementary School. No prior experience required.

Cub Scout Pack 890

Any boys currently in Kindergarten through 4th grade interested in joining Cub Scouts are welcome to come and see all the great things we are doing! Our Pack Meetings are at 7pm in the North Springfield Elementary School Cafeteria on the third Thursday of each month. If your son is interested in Scouting or you have any questions please contact Andy Butler at (571) 436-4292.

All are welcome to be a part of the Scouting experience! Join the fun!

North Springfield Elementary School PTA Fundraiser

Do you shop at Giant? If so, you can help NSES PTA fund school activities by purchasing Giant grocery cards.

Use the cards like cash at Giant. The school gets 4% from Giant for every dollar purchased. Buy $20, $50, or $100 cards. They never expire.

Contact Beth Buckreis at 703-913-7115 to purchase the cards. We will deliver them to your door.
Ready for some nostalgia? Here is an ad for one style of home that ran when the community was being built. Note the directions on how to get here; 395 and Edsall Road did not exist at the time and the mixing bowl interchange was a cloverleaf. Anyone still have those modern appliances listed in the home ad?

**north springfield**

**the homes**

These homes in North Springfield, Virginia, were planned by Architect Harry E. Ormston, AIA, to provide the kind of living that is wanted by contemporary Americans. Elbow room for today's larger families—personal privacy when wanted—easy transition from indoor to outdoor living—ease of maintenance—space for informal entertaining—design variations adapted to the contours of the site—this is the type of thinking behind these homes.

**the community**

North Springfield is an extension of Springfield—an established community with existing facilities. Public and parochial schools are nearby and six churches are in varying degrees of construction. There is a large new shopping center with plenty of parking. Homes have been oriented and sited on landscaped lots for maximum privacy and variety. A community newspaper, PTA, scout troops, clubs, community association and all the things that make life in the suburbs so enjoyable are established and waiting—for you. Springfield is just 15 minutes from downtown along the modern dual lane Shirley Highway; there's not a traffic light after you leave D. C.

**construction details**

The construction in North Springfield is the same blend of careful workmanship and top materials that you can see in nearby Yates Village and Monticello Forest. All brick exteriors with a wide variety of treatments, copper plumbing, Bryant floor level gas heat, sliding door closets, fir lumber, fireplaces, venetian blinds, are among the many quality features.

**directions**

Take Shirley Highway to the Franconia - Springfield Cloverleaf, right to Back Lick Road, right on Back Lick Road one mile to North Springfield on the left. Follow signs.

**monticello**

This is architect Harry Ormston's basic Monticello Forest home which enjoyed such overwhelming public acceptance. In this imaginative three bedroom, one level home you will find a new understanding of space. The low sweeping lines and large glass areas gather the outdoors into its shelter and lead many activities outside. Every foot of living is on one natural level, and a utility room with outside entrance provides ample storage, laundry and play spaces. The bath and powder room both have colored fixtures. Two complete window walls provide a clean sweep of light through the house from front door to terrace. The bright cheerful kitchen has disposer, 9 foot refrigerator with freezer (all by Westinghouse), fan, fluorescent lighting and an RCA Estate full oven range.
Newsletter Advertising

Take advantage of our low prices and your ad will be seen in print and on our website by over 2,200 households in October, November, February, March, April or May. Prices are per newsletter issue.

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N.S.C.A. Newsletter
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We are always in need of volunteers for the various committees of the North Springfield Civic Association. If you would be interested in serving on a committee, or have suggestions for topics of upcoming General Meetings or programs, please fill out the form below and mail it to the above address.

Name: ____________________________________________________________ Phone #: _______________________  

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Check jobs of interest: Babysitting ____ Yard Work ____ House Sitting ____ Pet Care ____

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